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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to Respond to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003 :

one month to March 15, 2003 ; the extension fee is:

[] \$55.00 (2251) [X] \$110.00 (1251).

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[X] An extension fee in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed.

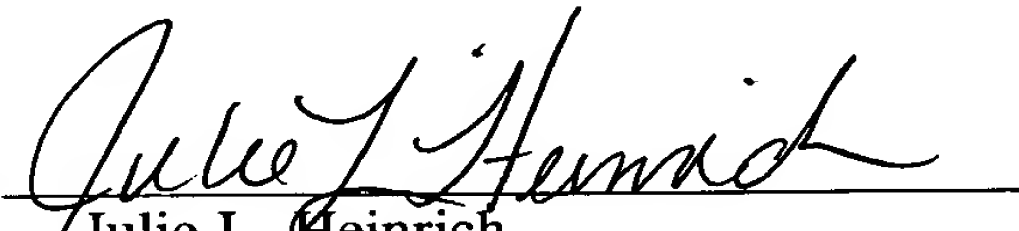
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Respectfully submitted,

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